## IN THE ABSTRACT

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There is described an improved A device for dispensing a substance from a cartridge. The device includes a retaining mechanism for retaining comprising a retainer for a substance containing cartridge. The device further includes, a telescoping plunger assembly, the assembly including at least a frontmost member, a rearmost member and at least one intervening member which can be in the nature of a turnbuckle. At least a portion of the plunger assembly is connected to the base. A motor is provided for rotating the turnbuckle of the telescoping plunger assembly, and there is also a fast rewinder comprising a turnbuckle splitter whereby the turnbuckle splits longitudinally into two halves. The device additionally includes a plunger biassing mechanism whereby the telescoping plunger assembly can be manually compacted against the resistive force of two or more plunger biassing springs made up of a plurality of interconnecting members, a base to which at least one of the interconnecting members if fixed and a drive train for driving the telescoping plunger assembly.